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Sai Wan Memorial

IN a capacious wind and a flood of bright sunshine yesterday, we of the long and late past of Hongkong paused for a retrospective glance at the thunder of cannon and shot of 1941. It was a brief moment of remembrance and thanks at a haven of peace in memory of those valiant comrades who died in the defence of freedom and liberty, ideals shared alike by friends and strangers of many creeds and colours but all with a self-appointed task, an instinctive desire to preserve a way of life, itself the struggle and accomplishment of a thousand long years.

"We will remember them": a simple avowal of honest intention, but in the ordered rows of headstones and the sanctuary of the War Memorial unveiled by the Governor at Sai Wan yesterday, the Colony commemorates not only past gallantry and true devotion to duty, not only the ideals for which they nobly gave their lives, but a fervent passion among us the living, the heirs of their greatness and glory, to ensure that they have not died in vain. It is our due and it should epitomise the spirit in which we recall their efforts.

"We will remember them": but as Christians fully conscious of the love, forgiveness, understanding and great humility of our teacher, Jesus; not as barbarians. It was the Governor's plea yesterday that we should not perpetuate their memory by harbouring fierce and undying hatred. "For we want to perpetuate good, not evil, in the world," he told the assembled gathering. "We should strive for peace so that their sacrifice will not have been in vain."

It was an exhortation which was great at the moment of utterance but one which is transitory and elusive in the changing conditions of a world which puts such low premium on calumny, vituperation, castigation and abuse. But the plea was, at the same time, one which insists on the same sound durability which is associated with the Memorial, which will be associated with it forever. And that shrine will be without purpose unless we in Hongkong recall perpetually the spirit in which it was dedicated, with gratitude for the valiant hearts commemorated there.

HK-China Trade

OSTENSIBLY the statement by the Director of the China Export-Import Corporation relating to Hongkong-China trade is a piece of anti-American propaganda, carrying with it the broad inference that the Colony has allowed itself to be misused into application of the United Nations embargo by the blandishments of the United States.

The libel, being without foundation, can be ignored. Of more interest is Mr. Tso's reference to future Hongkong-China trading relations. He is reported to have declared that the Chinese Communists have no intention of by-passing Hongkong, realising that the Colony has facilities and knowledge that "could prove to be of immense commercial benefit."

If Mr. Tso is giving expression to official Peking policy, his statement is welcome. Communist China has it within her power to satisfy the United Nations that the necessity for a trade embargo no longer exists. If and when that occurs, Hongkong will be happy to restore normal trading with the mainland according to accepted traditional methods.

REDS MASSING FOR ASSAULT

SAYS TAIPEI

Disastrous Fire In N.T. 4,000 PEOPLE LOSE HOMES

About 270 shops and squatter huts were destroyed and 4,000 people rendered homeless in a fire in Shek Wu Hui Village, Sheung Shui, New Territories, early this morning.

No serious casualties have been reported. The densely-populated village comprised many shops in two-storey stone buildings and wooden squatter huts situated on both sides of the Sheung Shui crossroad.

The fire started about 3.50 a.m. on the east side of the road and, fanned by strong northerly gusts of wind, it swept rapidly south.

Six fire engines under Mr. W. Gorman, Chief Officer, and Mr. V. C. Seymour, were promptly dispatched. By 7 a.m., the fire was put under control, but it was still smouldering at 11 a.m. A large squad of Policemen, under Mr. T. Cushman, Senior Superintendent of Police, was also at the scene maintaining order and directing the homeless to safety.

Registration of the homeless and relief work have been put in hand.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Had 2 Brides At Wedding

Singapore, Feb. 20.

A young Singapore school teacher was married here last week-end and two brides turned up at the wedding ceremony. The groom explained it this way: "One is my parents' choice and the other is mine."

The young man told in love with a girl several months ago, but his parents opposed the marriage. They had already chosen a bride for him—a distant relative. They sent out the invitations. Meanwhile, the boy married secretly the other girl.

Like a devoted son, he turned up at his "official" wedding and went through the ceremony, led his bride into the nuptial room. When he came back he had a girl on each arm.

"These are my wives," he told the startled wedding guests. His secret wife came to his wedding. He left the house with his two brides, leaving his in-laws' faces over. —France-Press.

Collision Disaster: 16 Killed

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 20.

A bus collided with a train near here tonight and was set on fire by a petrol lamp carried by a railway guard who came to investigate.

Sixteen people were killed and seventeen injured. —Reuter.

PLANE WRECKAGE FOUND

New York, Feb. 20. The still-smoking wreckage of an airliner that vanished in a snowstorm on a 20-minute flight yesterday was found strewn over the side of a jagged Southern Rocky Mountain peak on New Mexico today. All 16 persons aboard were dead.

"There is just nothing left," said State Police Officer Bill Lucas after a helicopter flight over the scene.

"There is not a chance anyone survived. The plane was so badly torn apart you can't even tell it's a plane, except for the tail."

A helicopter pilot who flew to the scene reported that the

Taipei, Feb. 21. The Defence Ministry said today that massed Communist forces appear ready to launch an invasion assault against Matsu after three days of air-sea combat on its northern flank.

Official dispatches from Matsu said the Reds had shifted troops and planes to the nearby mainland, moved up amphibious craft, and were readying shore batteries in range of the Nationalist island outpost.

Nationalist bombers hit for the third straight day yesterday at Red naval concentrations between Matsu and Tai, 63 miles to the north. They sank a 1,000-ton gunboat, knocked out a big landing craft, and blew up or set fire to eight or nine motorised junks, a communiqué said.

The toll ran the Nationalist big in the fighting around Tai, 120 miles north of Formosa, to some 50 Red warships and at least 3,000 troops, by official account.

The Chinese war boiled toward a new climax with the official singling out of Matsu as the next Red invasion target. Matsu, a bleak but heavily fortified island three miles long and two wide, lies just off the Min River estuary, leading to the Gulf of Fochow.

These were the main developments pointing toward an all-out clash in the Formosa Strait: 1. The Nationalist Air Force bombed Matsu in the early hours of the morning, dropping incendiary bombs and strafing the island. 2. The Nationalist Navy sent out a task force of destroyers and gunboats to bombard Matsu. 3. The Nationalist Army sent out a task force of paratroopers and amphibious troops to land on Matsu.

EVADING ANSWER 2. Foreign Minister George Yeh, returning from the United States, said "we will defend all our territories, including the Formosa Islands." Asked if the islands would be defended with or without US support, he evaded a direct answer.

3. US aircraft carriers "strode" off the China coast and Sabre jets patrolled off the Formosan air fields. But US officials kept the Reds guessing what they would do about the offshore islands.

4. Red jet fighters in some force moved into Fukien Province fields directly across from Formosa. At least one full wing was reported already at Chianling, in easy reach of Matsu. Six other fields were being improved. Thousands of troops and hundreds of armed junks also were reported moving in.

5. President Chiang Kai-shek called up additional volunteers and drafted troops. Reserve divisions were being called to the colours. Military sources estimated the latest draft would affect more than 100,000 men, including Chiang's force to more than 500,000.

Both Chinese mainlanders and native Formosans were included. BOMBING CLAIMS The Air Force reported 40th its bombers yesterday plunged through heavy anti-aircraft fire to pound Red shipping and installations on and around Tai.

Despite their heavy losses, the Communists were believed in Nationalist military quarters to have succeeded in reinforcing Tai with several thousand men. Two weeks ago only 600 or so troops were reported on the island.

The Tatoo News Agency, organ of the Interior Ministry, said in reporting a mass movement of Red troops to Fukien Province that a group of Russian advisers and Air Force ground technicians had been identified there by Nationalist agents. The agency said the Russians were helping the Communists build up their air bases.

Military sources estimated that as many as 220,000 Communist troops might be shifting southward into Fukien Province for action against the Nationalist islands.

They said a fleet of more than 100 junks and fishing boats had been commandeered in South China and were heading for Fukien waters. —United Press.

HELD ON A STABBING CHARGE

Rome, Feb. 20. Donald Allen, 33, an American, tonight was held by police on a charge of stabbing Alberto Splana, 26, an Italian television director.

Mr. Splana is in hospital, seriously wounded. Police said he was stabbed outside Mr. Allen's home early today while returning from a dance with Miss Allen.

Mr. Allen is a correspondent in Italy for the American magazine Newsweek. —Reuter.

Historic Meeting In Cairo

EDEN & NASSER

Cairo, Feb. 20.

The two chief architects of the Suez Canal agreement—Sir Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, met for the first time at a British Embassy dinner here tonight.

It was also the first time that the Egyptian Premier or any member of his government had set foot in the British Embassy.

The two statesmen in a "man-to-man" talk were expected to review the international situation with particular regard to the Middle East, according to diplomatic observers here. Plans for the forthcoming Southeast Defence were also expected to figure preliminarily in their discussions.

COMMON CONCERN The dinner was held shortly after the British Foreign Secretary's arrival here by Sir Anthony Eden told reporters at the airport that he and Colonel Nasser would discuss "matters of common concern to our countries."

Also at tonight's dinner were the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzy, and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir John Harding.

Diplomatic observers here thought Sir Anthony would find Colonel Nasser generally receptive to the overall Western policy in the Middle East.

SITUATION REVIEWED Major-General Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian Minister of War and Commander-in-Chief, and Sir Horacio Cullen, Assistant Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, were also present at the talks after dinner, a British Embassy statement said.

In conversations which went on until midnight, they reviewed the world situation and the talks of promoting peace, it went on.

"They also noted with satisfaction the progress in Anglo-Egyptian relations since the signature of the (Suez Canal Zone) agreement in October, 1954," the Embassy added. —Reuter.

Ferry Missing In Storm

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

A 250-ton Japanese ferry boat with 147 passengers and 25 crewmen was missing today in a violent storm that lashed Japan's coastal waters, sinking at least two vessels and crippling 17 others.

At least four persons were reported dead and four missing. The bodies of the ferry boat were seen by the coast guard yesterday. The bodies of the ferry boat were seen by the coast guard yesterday. The bodies of the ferry boat were seen by the coast guard yesterday.

Gangster Slain After 90-Min Battle With Police

New York, Feb. 20.

A slippery gangland assassin who vowed never to be taken alive was shot to death in a spectacular 90-minute Harlem gun battle with more than 125 policemen today as thousands of spectators watched from rooftops, windows and street corners.

Augusto Robles, 41, set off the biggest gun battle in New York City history, according to police officials, when he fired at policemen closing in on him and shouted: "I'll take as many as I can with me. You'll never take me alive, and I'll take a few of you with me."

Robles wounded two policemen, neither seriously, before a bullet finally got him in the chest. He fell between two crabs in his third-floor tenement apartment and was dead when the police reached him.

Police wearing gas masks and bullet-proof vests finally got their man in a manner reminiscent of the days of John Dillinger and Pretty Boy Floyd, after blasting his flat with machinegun and rifle fire and tear gas bombs from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

The fugitive, who stood only five feet four inches tall, sprayed the police with bullets from a machinegun and four revolvers, including three he took away from policemen in two escapes last Friday.

His aim was bad. The Harlem crowd gathered on rooftops of tenements and a housing project and in the streets and on street corners appeared to favour Robles in the battle. They cheered loudly for him and their shouts died out only after he had fired his last shot at the arm of policemen closing in on him.

Robles was alone in the six-story tenement during the battle. The other occupants had been evacuated by police. At one point in the battle, police set fire to Robles' apartment with tear gas bombs, but they kept on firing while firemen sprayed the building with streams of water.

Robles had been sought by the police since his two escapes on Friday. Once he disarmed three policemen, trying to arrest him and slipped through a 100-yard police machinegun cordon. On the other occasion, he broke away from four burly policemen, shooting it out with them as he fled.

He was wanted as the assassin of a man who killed an underworld associate who had turned State's evidence in a Baltimore robbery case and left the body in front of a Brooklyn coffin factory.

POLICE TIPPED OFF Detective Daniel Regan and six other detectives set off the skirmish that grew into a spectacular gun battle. Regan and the others went to the apartment "on a tip" he was hiding out there to pick Robles up "dead or alive."

Regan said he and two others went to the third floor and the four men found Robles in a room. "We knew he was in there," said Regan. "There was no way to get at him from the rear of the apartment."

He said he and officers Charles Deuner and Vincent Hoffman knocked down the door and walked in with their revolvers in their hands.

"We weren't even half way in the room when we were met with flying bullets," he said. "It was Robles, hiding behind a living room, pulling the door, blasting away at us and shouting 'try and take me alive'."

"We all started firing back at him, but his position was at an advantage. We had to retreat to the hallway where we kept firing at him."

CALL FOR HELP The detectives outside called police headquarters for help and 125 policemen were rushed to the scene.

In the exchange of fire, Hoffman was wounded in the wrist and leg. Both were taken to hospital. Hoffman was one of the policemen who captured Robles last Friday.

Squad of radio policemen and emergency police and a truck loaded with machinegun and tear gas bombs arrived at the scene.

Man Goes Berserk, Kills Four THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

New York, Feb. 20.

Five bodies were found today at the home of an unemployed millworker who went berserk with a gun and hatchet and killed his wife, her daughter and two young men, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Authorities said the millworker, Robert L. Miller, 42, ended a three-day killing spree by committing suicide after seriously wounding another man. Miller and Stephen Frank Demko, 20, were found dead on a bed in a downstairs room of Miller's eight-room home at the nearby coal mining community of Hoover this morning. The body of Albert French, 22, was on a bed in a second floor bedroom.

About 12 hours later, the bodies of Miller's wife, Helen, 41, and her daughter, Doris, 17, were uncovered in a coal bin at the rear of the house.

ANOTHER WOUNDED The discoveries were made after another man, Anthony Rivak, 34, staggered into a nearby tavern shortly before midnight on Saturday and reported that he had been shot by Miller. Wounded in the abdomen, he was taken to Uniontown Hospital, where his condition was reported critical.

Dr. W. Ralston McGee, Coroner of Fayette County, said Miller killed himself by slashing his wrists and then shooting himself in the chest.

Dr. McGee said the condition of the bodies indicated that Mrs. Miller had been bludgeoned to death with a hatchet late Wednesday or early Thursday and her daughter killed in the same fashion as much as 12 hours later.

The house showed no signs of a fight, United Press.

Froze Herself To Death

Stockholm, Feb. 20.

The police announced today that a woman committed suicide by stripping naked in subzero weather. They found her nude body this morning in a park near the City Hall.

The Assistant Police Inspector, Gösta Aronson, said investigation revealed the woman went to the park early this morning, to look off her clothes, folded them neatly in a pile, and lay down on her stomach in the snow and froze to death.

She was found by the Town Hall stoker on his way to work. The police said there were no signs of a fight, and she had a small, uncut, unshaved head, a small, uncut, unshaved head, a small, uncut, unshaved head.

They refused to release her name. —United Press.

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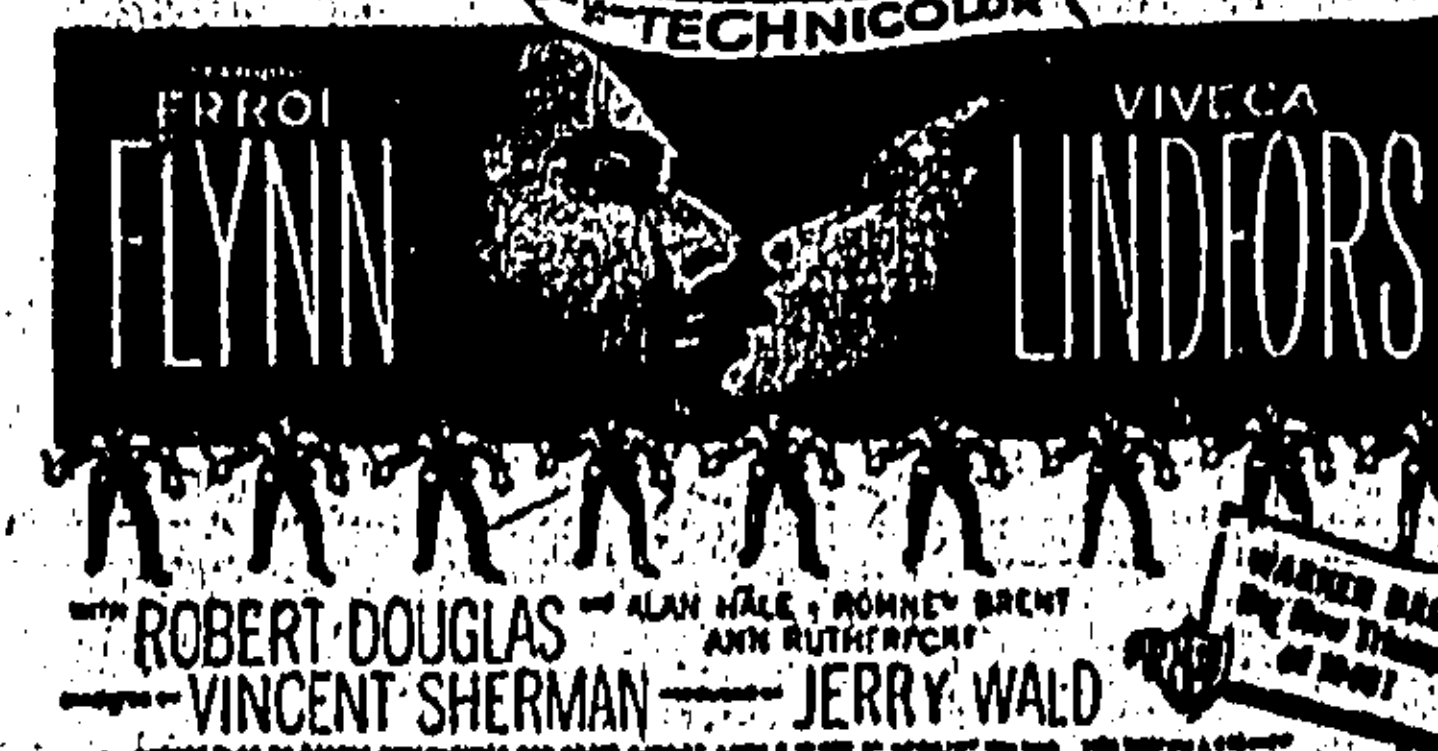


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DISARMAMENT TALKS

Free World's Distrust
Stumbling Block
To Full Agreement

CABOT LODGE'S VIEWS

New York, Feb. 20.

Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. delegate to the United Nations, said today that the chief stumbling block to disarmament "has been and still is the distrust the free world necessarily feels for Communist imperialism."

Mr Lodge issued a statement at the airport as he took off for London for the five-power disarmament talks, which open this week and which will be attended by Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister, and representatives from Britain, France and Canada.

Young Devils
Leagues'
In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 20.

Boys and girls between eight and 16 are being recruited by the Malayan terrorists as message-carriers and spies.

Schoolchildren playing around an armoured car—boys and girls playing hide-and-seek in a jungle clearing—all of this looks innocent enough. But, recently, in an operation in North Johore, some of the children near the armoured car were found to have been "planted" there by the Communists to eavesdrop on the car's radio messages.

The playing children in the clearing were looking for footprints which would tell them which way a security patrol was heading, so that they could warn their friends, the Communists.

CARRY FOOD

Other children, organised into these "Young Devils' Leagues," are being used to carry messages or food to Communist camps.

Recruitment of these young people is being stepped up, it is believed here, as the Communist leaders think this will be more successful in the long run than raids and ambushes.

They are indoctrinated at meetings held deep in the jungle at least four times a month, it was learned. They pass on the propaganda in many of the schools.

Several of the "Young Devil" members have confessed and have been sent to approved schools to "forget" their Communist affiliations. But the recruitment of new members goes on, to the concern of Government officials.—France-Press.

Stronger Govt
Urged For
Kenya

London, Feb. 20.

The Observer today urged the Kenya Government to take action against settlers who have "openly sought to subvert the Government's authority and oppose its orders."

Referring to the lack of success of the recent emergency it said that its failure was "made certain by the wildly irresponsible campaign launched against the offer by some settlers."

"It is extraordinary that the Kenya Government has done nothing to control the leaders of the rebellious settlers' factions," the independent newspaper declared.

"The settlers' lobby" in this country is calling for stronger government in Kenya, what is needed is certainly a stronger government but of a kind that will monitor all sections of the increasingly divided community,"—China Mail Special.

Moscow, Feb. 20.
Soviet aircraft constructors are concentrating on the development of planes capable of making a vertical take-off and landing, Mol-Gen, the chief designer of today's edition of the military newspaper, Red Star.

He claimed that "the future belongs to aircraft that can land in a vertical position because helicopters could land in reduced space but they are slow and have a limited range."

"This much is basic," his statement said. "Any real disarmament plan must cover all the big countries and all kinds of arms—including nuclear weapons."

JUST AS DEAD

"A man killed by a rifle shot is just as dead as if he had been killed by a bomb."

Mr Lodge said the United States wanted "concrete, factual, practical discussions" at the London meeting.

"The people of the world will not be satisfied with the shadow of disarmament—they want and deserve action."

"We enter these new discussions confident of our military strength. Until true disarmament is possible, we know that strength—combined with a just, temperate and candid foreign policy—is the world's greatest bulwark for peace," he said.

"What we will seek once again in London is a tamper-proof plan so that we can reduce that strength with perfect confidence that the other side is doing the same thing at the same time."

"It is as simple as that. We cannot run the risk of not doing something. We will not be fooled, and we will never stop trying until we succeed,"—Reuter.

RAIL STATIONS
AUCTIONED

Versailles, Feb. 20.

Six railway stations on disused lines in the countryside around Paris have been auctioned here.

They were sold for between 195,000 francs (£195 sterling) and 650,000 francs (£650 sterling) to merchants, farmers, restaurant owners, Parisians looking for a country villa and to local homeless.—China Mail Special.

Aga Khan Plans
To Industrialise
African Ismailis

Cairo, Feb. 20.

The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the 20,000,000-strong Moslem Ismaili sect, today disclosed a plan "to turn the Ismailis of Africa from a nation of shopkeepers into a highly industrialised nation."

The 77-year-old Aga Khan, still convalescing after his recent illness, attended a top presentation at his Cairo hotel to mark his Platinum Jubilee. A cheque for £300,000—equivalent of his weight in platinum—was handed to him as a gift from Africa's Ismaili communities.

In his 2,000-word "speech from the throne," which was read for him by his son, Prince Aly Khan, the Aga Khan said the entire amount would be handed to the Diamond Jubilee Investment Trust to finance a housing scheme "to build a home for every Ismaili family in Africa."

"I want every Ismaili to have his own home—even if it is a poor, small cottage, an apartment, a room, but it must be absolutely his own."

TARGET DATE
He set 1960 as the "target date" for the completion of the housing scheme.

The Aga Khan then disclosed he had another ambitious scheme in mind. "I want to turn the Ismailis of Africa from a nation of shopkeepers into a highly industrialised nation,"—Reuter.



A charming picture of Princess Margaret smiling at the welcome she got from the crowd as she walked through the Barbados Trade and Industries Fair, in the course of her West Indies tour.—Central Press Photo.

Princess Attends
Church Service

Spanish Town, Jamaica, Feb. 20.

Princess Margaret knelt with head bowed over her clasped hands in prayer with a West Indian congregation here today at the Cathedral Church of St Jago de la Vaga.

About 2,000 people were in the congregation. Though windows were open, men mopped their brows and summer-clad women fanned themselves with hymn sheets in the heat.

One woman who was overcome by the heat had to be assisted out of the church and rested in the churchyard to hear the rest of the service.

PRINTED DRESS

Princess Margaret arrived in the old Jamaican capital wearing a white and blue printed dress with a pale blue scalloped straw hat and pale blue and white shoes. She was received at the Cathedral by the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, the Right Rev. Basil Montague Dakin. He also conducted her to her pew in the light walled and raftered building.

Sitting beside the Princess was Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, a member of her suite. The Lord Bishop prefaced his sermon by welcoming the Princess and saying her interest in the church's youth would be "an inspiration and encouragement" to the young people of Jamaica.

The Princess signed the parish book and was cheered on entering and leaving the Cathedral. Earlier, she had visited the square in this old capital, founded after Scuttle was abandoned by Columbus around the year 1523. It remained the capital for more than two centuries after the British conquest.

The Princess was conducted by the Honourable Captain R. S. McGrath, Lord Lieutenant of the Parish of St Catherine, to the balcony of the House of Assembly where wearing sunglasses she was acclaimed several times.

She inspected the chamber of the old House of Assembly. On the 12-mile drive from Kingston to Spanish Town, the Princess was warmly cheered by crowds along the route.

It was warm and sunny and many women were beach suits. Sugar workers cutting cane stopped their work and rushed to the roadside and waved their matchsticks or knives.

Among the crowds were groups of nurses and nuns while some six American sailors sprang to attention and saluted the Princess.

PRISONERS GET GLIMPSE
Behind the high walls of a prison, prisoners caught a momentary glimpse of the Princess passing by from the end of a steelbarred corridor.

The Princess has no engagements this afternoon but this evening, she is driving five miles to Blue Mountain Inn where she will have an informal dinner with officers of the British garrison and their wives.—Reuter.

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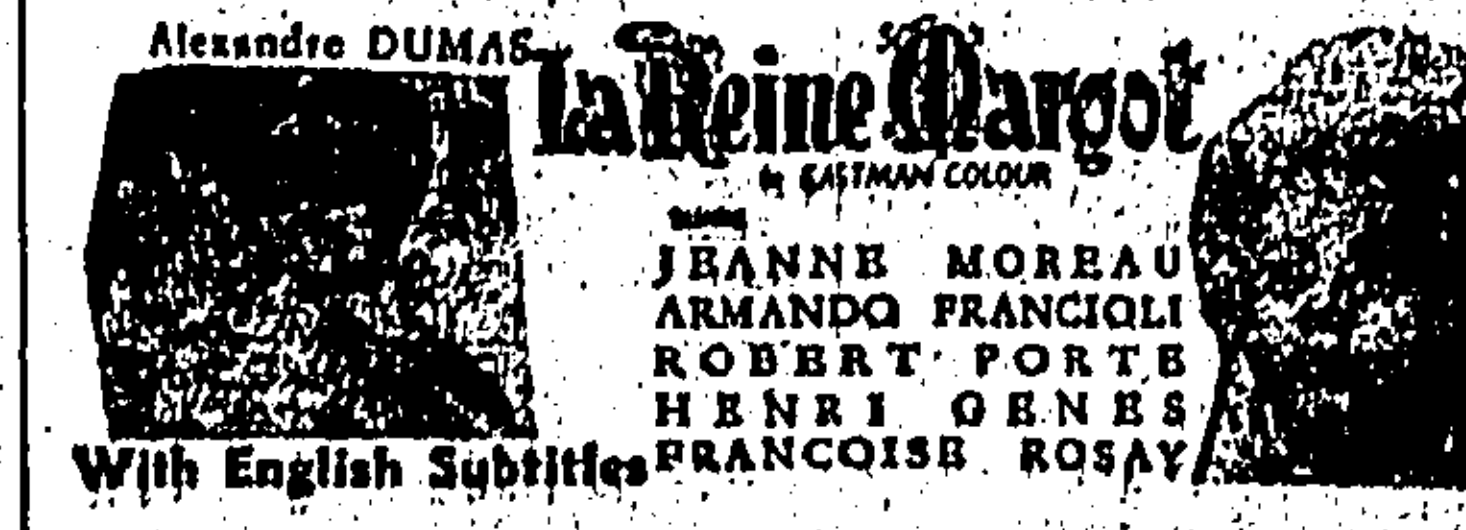
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IS A LIAR BORN—or does he GROW that way?

THE persistent liar who uses lies aggressively as a normal method of dealing with his problems suffers from what psychologists call a "personality disorder."

In many cases there is evidence of an underlying defect in the working of the brain, which shows up in the patterns recorded by brain-wave machines.

Could such a defect be inherited so that a person may be born a liar? Possibly, the psychologists tell me.

Study of twins

SOME evidence from the study of twins shows that personality disorders may be partly inherited. Thus identical twins who have been separated for years often become neurotic at about the same time and with the same type of symptoms.

But most psychologists are satisfied that for every person who may be born with a lying tongue thousands more acquire one during childhood.

The brain-wave abnormality which is typical of many pathological liars is almost certainly not due to any structural fault in the brain mechanism which could be revealed by a microscope.

The brain-wave recordings of many pathological liars are almost identical with those of a child.

By
**CHAPMAN
PINCHER**

Psychologists therefore believe that the persistent liar is generally a person who was normal at birth, but whose brain and mind have remained childish in some respects.

Like children

THIS theory fits in with common observation and with psychologists' case-records. The tall tales of the braggart seem childish to the mature mind. The behaviour of the person who assumes false titles in a brass way, which makes his exposure inevitable is infantile as well as irresponsible.

Like children, persistent liars are inveterate day-dreamers. Their minds drift in and out of contact with reality.

The normal person finds this hard to understand, yet it is typical of the child mind. Young children do not distinguish sharply between fact and fancy. They are often bewildered when they are in trouble for lying when make-believe plays so strong a part in their lives.

In one test more than 11,000 young children were given the opportunity to cheat and lie in a way which they thought could not be found out but was really detectable.

The test showed that while a few children were always honest and a few were always dishonest, most of them were sometimes honest, sometimes not, depending on circumstances.

Liars show up

THE person who lies his way through life has usually begun by the time he is seven. Studies of problem children have shown that once the lying habit is firmly established it cannot be easily eradicated by corrective training.

A psychologist gave nearly 100 adults difficult problems to solve while each was sitting alone in a room. They were casually told that the answers were in a book on the desk beside them, but they were forbidden to look at the book. Watching through a window camouflaged as a mirror a

psychologist was able to see who cheated and who lied when he was later asked if he had cheated.

He found that a small number always cheated and always lied in every test given. Previously, on the basis of short interviews with all the people taking part in the test, the psychologist had listed those he expected to cheat and lie. He was right in 70 percent of them, thus proving that the mental quick which makes people lie shows up in other features of personality.

Psychologists are uncertain about the processes which make the brain and mind mature. But they are convinced that few children can mature mentally without proper guidance from their parents, whatever their brain endowment at birth.

Lack of love

AFTER a four-year study of some 150 problem children D. H. Stolt, a leading child psychologist, concluded that chronic lying is a symptom of "deprivation of affection."

Unwanted children, neglected children and those brought up too strictly or with no discipline at all are the future pathological liars.

One psychologist I questioned pointed out that it is surprising there are not more persistent liars in society when most children see some deception practised in their homes.

He quoted, as a dangerous example, the mother who tends to be out when the unwanted visitor calls.

I strongly disagreed with him. Surely teaching children the value of the "white lie" is an essential part of their training for social life.

The over-brave child who is not corrected for telling his hostess the truth about his party he did not enjoy becomes the tactless man who tells his boss exactly what he thinks about him.

Manners

WHAT we call Good Manners are largely based on the ability to distort the truth convincingly when this device will smooth the friction of human relations.

Every day in everybody's life there is some need of the well-meant, well-timed lie to avoid the honesty that hurts.



"If you're sending one to Bulganin and Malenkov you'd better send one to Krushchev and Molotov or your contribution to world peace will go for a Burton!"

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STRASSER RETURNS FROM PARADISE

By ALLAN KAVANAGH

THE old beer-hall politicians of Bonn are talking about the man from Paradise.

For once, the hard-voiced, younger men who fought with the Wehrmacht in Africa and Russia are silent. To them the man from Paradise is only a name; and until the fall of Hitler, a name to be spoken in whispers.

The youngest of them were toddlers; the oldest, strutting Hitler Jugend, when Herr Doktor Otto Strasser said silently from German politics. For it was in 1933, as Hitler swept to power, that Strasser fled from Germany to Austria.

From Austria to Prague to Paris, Strasser kept one jump ahead of the Gestapo as the Nazi tentacles slithered across the frontiers of Europe. The last scuffle from Hitler's killers was to Paradise—Paradise, Nova Scotia.

HATED

NOW Otto Strasser has been old he is free to quit Paradise, and a green-backed Federal German passport has been flown across the Atlantic for him.

But his is no return of a persecuted liberal. Nor will moderate West Germans welcome the come-back of this unpredictable man from their violent past.

Certainly, Hitler hated Strasser—was even frightened of him—and was hated by Strasser in turn. That, however, was because the stocky



Strong Man Strasser

Herr Doktor, in Hitler's eyes, was too ambitious about his own part in shaping Nazism and the new Reich.

The Strasser-Hitler story began in the summer of 1914, when two recruits joined a Bavarian regiment. Hitler was one, Strasser the other.

From then on their ways parted. Hitler played an inconspicuous part in the war—a fact his propaganda experts in later years hurriedly glossed over.

Strasser, decorated and wounded, ended the war with the reputation of one of the Fatherland's most gallant artillery officers.

Out of the army, their ways stayed apart.

SATANIC

THE ex-corporal, his sinister power increasing with every street-corner brawl between his strong arm men and the German Reds, was soon undisputed leader of the little gang who believed Germany's salvation lay in National Socialism.

The stocky, full-lipped little man with the satanic eyebrows thought the answer was National Bolshevism.

Yet there was one link between them. This was Otto's brother Gregor, a devout, unquestioning Nazi who had become Hitler's chief lieutenant.

His deepest desire was to get the two men he loved best in the world to join forces.

But with the farsightedness that has saved his life time and again, Otto Strasser feared for his own future as a rival to Hitler. Anyway, the Fuehrer's humble origins and indifferent war record sat ill on the prophet of sabre-rattling Nordic supremacy.

So it was until 1923. In that year Hitler made his first ill-fated putsch which landed him in the prison cell where he wrote the framework of "Mein Kampf."

With what seemed surprising naivete, Strasser suddenly changed his ideas about Hitler. The man might have all the hallmarks of a charlatan, he thought, but at least he was prepared to suffer for his beliefs.

Strasser joined the Nazis.

Brother Gregor was delighted. But Hitler grew increasingly suspicious of his latest disciple. Here was no blindly faithful lieutenant, hanging on to the Fuehrer's every word.

Otto Strasser had his own dynamic ideas for Germany's salvation and, seeking to share the party leadership with Gregor, he set about putting them into practice.

But if Hitler was suspicious of Otto Strasser, so Strasser, although with inside Party information at his disposal, underestimated Hitler's hypnotic power over his followers and misjudged his ruthless elimination of Party deviations.

QUARREL

IN 1930 Strasser thought it still safe to disagree with Hitler; he quarrelled openly and broke away to form his "Black Front."

Black, the colour of secrecy and conspiracy, was appropriate to describe the new movement. For Strasser allowed only a few of his followers to link themselves with him openly.

They were comparatively unimportant. The influential Front members were wanted to keep their allegiance secret and to stay where they were within the Nazi organization.

But Strasser out-maneuvred himself. Alone in the very secrecy he so strongly imposed, he deprived himself of the public following he needed.

Hitler appeared to militate against Strasser's plan. He declared the German youth and the German blood and the German soul were the only things that mattered. He said that the only way to save Germany was to fight the battle of the future.

mans doubted his assurance that they were the master race.

In 1933 Hitler took over the running of Germany.

Although he had fought gallantly during the war, Strasser had learned that there is little comfort in being a dead hero. Now he knew of Hitler's savagery to his opponents, and he escaped through the mountains into Austria, with the Gestapo in pursuit.

How right he had been was proved within twelve months, when on Hitler's orders Gregor Strasser was murdered as he lay helpless in a Gestapo cell in Berlin.

From outside Germany Strasser fought back with propaganda, constantly moving his headquarters as the Gestapo moved in on him. But, as Hitler swept ruthlessly from success to success, this was little more than a pipricket. Yet even when the flood of war swept him to Paradise, Nova Scotia, he carried on his anti-Hitler campaign.

Note well, that it was anti-Hitler, not anti-Nazi or anti-Germany. For this was a blood feud between the de facto Fuehrer and the de jure leader. A revelation to the days of warring factions and quick executions.

The officials of Konrad Adenauer's Bonn Government were largely inspired by that knowledge when they rejected "l'ought any bid by Strasser to re-enter Germany after the war."

APPEAL

OUTWARDLY, Strasser, now 57 years old, puffy and balding, bears little resemblance to the young ex-officer who risked his life against Hitler. To the casual observer, he might pass for an indifferently successful travelling salesman for German toys. But inside he is still steel-hard, and his long-distance efforts have won him followers who think with nostalgia of the what-might-have-been. They include many, extremely right-winged, who believe that Hitler's only fault was failure.

To this hard core there is an irresistible appeal in Strasser's call for "social regeneration." For it includes a return to Germany's 1933 frontiers and an independent foreign policy, also divorced from the influence of "both the Kremlin and Wall Street."

His return is well-timed. Against a background of uncertainty about West Germany's place in the armed Europe, his "strong-man" policy is bound to appeal to bewildered Germans, just as Hitler's did on the eve of his triumph.

And what is more, Strasser, until the Federal elections of 1957 to lay his plans with all the organizing genius that went first into the Nazi Party and then the Black Front.

In 1930, the British journalist Douglas Reed, probably the best-informed commentator on German youth, said of Strasser: "His day is the day of the German youth, the day of the German blood, the day of the German soul, the day of the German future. He is the only man who can lead Germany to the future."

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CASINO FOLLOWS THE SUN

NEW YORK. LAS Vegas plans a revolving gambling casino that floats in water.

The gamblers want it because it would be the only casino where the building revolves around the roulette tables.

The architect's plans call for the building to rotate with the sun. That means three-eighths of an inch a minute past the front-door pavement.

It starts swinging at 10 a.m. on a 90-degree arc until 6 p.m. Then a standstill until 2 a.m.

From 2 to 10 it swings back to the original position. They propose to float it in water to distribute the weight.

It will be turned around by low-power motors. Electricity will be supplied through pivoted connections attached to a central column on which the building swings.

CAPITAL AIRLINES, the first U.S. firm to buy British Viscount aircraft, says in a full-page advertisement that its Viscounts will be flying soon.

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prop airplane—you'll never want to travel any other way. Its four powerful Rolls-Royce engines make the Viscount exceptionally fast and pleasantly free from disturbing noise and vibration."

A BEAUTY SALON on West Fifty-seventh Street uses real champagne to set hair-dos. It tells women: "It gives your locks that sparkling, effervescent look."

DEBBIE REYNOLDS, the actress and golden-voiced singer Eddie Fisher says they want a "comfortable, English-style" home after their wedding on June 17.

LONGEST sermon ever after 180,000 words and 45 hours 18 minutes.

The claim is made by the Rev. Clinton Lacy, dean of the First Bible Training Center at Westland, Washington, State. He spent at length on the Old Testament, the New Testament and letters on the Holy Land. Now and again he was funny and at times he was

tervals drank a glass of lemon juice.

WHAT a day for Lorraine Rodgers, a 20-year-old waitress of Pittsburgh, the steel city.

An admirer, Russell Winterbottom, waving a gun, dragged her out of her room; she kicked and screamed; fellow-lodger Walter Henry intervenes and is shot.

There follows a wild drive into the country in Russell's car during which he threatens to shoot her.

Then he switches on the radio; hears that Henry is dead; stops the car and phones the police to come and get him.

For Lorraine, the day ended by recounting the story on TV.

ABOUT 450,000 more were at a work last month than in January last year. Total employed, 80,000,000; unemployed, 3,600,000.

FLAMING arrows and fireballs fly about in a rip-roaring screen brawl for a medieval film now being made in Hollywood.

It is so dangerous a scene, rules a trade union, that 500 screen extras must get stunt men's pay.

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